

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND
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The existing voter-approved funding mechanisms for parks and recreation projects within Los Angeles County authorized under Propositions A, the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996, expire on June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2019. In preparation for the expiration of the funding mechanisms, it is important that the County examine existing funding sources and explore options available to fund parks and recreation projects into the future.

The County is currently undertaking a Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment which involves a comprehensive analysis of public parks, open space, and recreational assets and existing infrastructure needs, including those located in the County's 88 cities, State and local agencies, town councils and non-profit organizations.

The Needs Assessment final report will identify potential projects by geographic area, including standardized cost estimates and prioritized projects for future park development based on local community input. With community input comes buy-in for the process. As this is taking place, it is important, concurrently, to understand current funding levels now in place and study possible future funding mechanisms so that the Board may have all necessary information at the conclusion of the Needs Assessment

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to decide whether and when to move forward with a comprehensive way to fund the identified projects.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Instruct the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director) and the Interim Chief Executive Officer to report back to this Board in writing within 45 days with identified sources of current funding available for park and recreation capital projects.
2. Instruct the Director to also report back to this Board in writing within 45 days with recommendations for a mechanism and expenditure framework to fund future park and recreation projects throughout the County, inclusive of the 88 cities and local agencies, including a plan and cost estimate for drafting of necessary legislation, including but not limited to a possible local funding measure.